

Appl. No.10/698,309
Docket No. 9085M
Amdt. dated January 9, 2007
Reply to Office Action mailed on December 26, 2006
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 18-23 are canceled without prejudice.

Response to Requirement for Restriction of Inventions

The Examiner has required, under 35 USC §121, election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits. This hereby confirms the election to prosecute the invention designated in the Office Action as Invention I. This election is made without traverse. Claims 1-17 are drawn to this invention. Claims 18-23 have been canceled by this amendment as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied reference(s). In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendment(s) presented herein reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the pending claim(s) are respectfully requested.

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